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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ANGOLA

A. THREE AFRICAN NATIONS DECLARE SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL
UNITY GOVERNMENT

THE LEADERS OF UGANDA, ZAIRE AND THE CAR, MEETING IN BANGUI,
ISSUED A JOINT DECLARATION JANUARY 1, STATING THAT THEIR
GOVERNMENTS:

--WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL
UNITY IN ANGOLA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OAU;

--WILL INTERCEPT ANY THIRD-COUNTRY FORCES DESTINED FOR
ANGOLA, SHOULD THEY HAVE TO PASS THROUGH THE SIGNATORY
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NATIONS' TERRITORIES;

--CONDEMN ALL FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLA AND CALL UPON ALL PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO STOP THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM. (CONFIDENTIAL) BANGUI 2, 1/1.)

B. ZAMBIA ASKS FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT ANGOLA STATEMENT

ZAMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL AIDE MARK CHONA HAS ASKED THE US AND OTHER UNNAMED FRIENDLY NATIONS TO OFFER CRITICAL COMMENT ON A PROPOSED STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA TO THE OAU SUMMIT. CHONA ALSO SUGGESTED HE WOULD USE THE DRAFT AS THE BASIS FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LUSAKA, ARGUING FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN ANGOLA.

THE DRAFT:

--ARGUES THAT NO FACTION HAS AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO POWER, BECAUSE PORTUGAL GRANTED INDEPENDENCE TO THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE AND NO SINGLE FACTION CAN CLAIM TO REPRESENT THE ENTIRE ANGOLAN PEOPLE;

--SAYS THE OAU LOST THE RIGHT TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF THE THREE POLITICAL PARTIES BY FAILING TO GRANT SUCH RECOGNITION BEFORE NOVEMBER 11;

--ASKS THE OAU TO DEMAND CESSATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION AND CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF A CEASEFIRE WHILE THE OAU SUMMIT SORTS OUT THE FORM WHICH A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY WOULD TAKE.

EMBASSY LUSAKA RECOMMENDS THE DEPARTMENT CRITICALLY REVIEW THE STATEMENT FOR ADEQUACY IN FURTHERING US INTERESTS, AND ADDS THAT AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI HAS ALREADY SUGGESTED THAT THE DRAFT CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF A REFERENDUM AS WELL AS A CEASEFIRE. (SECRET) LUSAKA 2552 (LIMDIS), 12/31.)

2. A HARD YEAR IN STORE FOR ISRAEL

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EMBASSY TEL AVIV SPECULATES THAT DURING 1976 THE CHALLENGE FOR ISRAEL, IF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS BECOME DEADLOCKED, WILL BE LESS HOW TO HANDLE ITS OVERT ENEMIES THAN HOW TO CONVINCE ITS REMAINING FRIENDS TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT.

--THE PLO, ABETTED BY THE SOVIETS AND LED BY THE SYRIANS, HAS EXPLOITED THE ABSENCE OF ISRAELI INITIATIVES TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF ITS CASE

THAT THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE REQUIRES A POLITICAL SOLUTION (STATEHOOD).

--THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS, HOWEVER, REGARD THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE AS EQUIVALENT TO NATIONAL SUICIDE.

--ISRAELIS SEE LEBANON SLOWLY BECOMING ANOTHER CONFRONTATION STATE THROUGH POLITICAL EVOLUTION, AND THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO FORESTALL THE OUTCOME.

--RABIN HAS MADE CLEAR TO HIS COUNTRYMEN THAT BECAUSE THE US HAS REGIONAL INTERESTS BEYOND ISRAEL ITSELF, ISRAEL MUST AVOID INVOLVING THE US IN A SUPERPOWER CONFRONTATION; THE CHANGING US POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT WILL AFFECT FUTURE AID LEVELS. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 8193, 12/29.)

3. AFGHANISTAN: IRANIAN AID COUNTERPRODUCTIVE?

EMBASSY KABUL SUGGESTS THAT IRAN MAY NOT HAVE FULLY CONSIDERED THE RAMIFICATIONS OF ITS AID PROGRAM TO AFGHANISTAN IN THAT:

--THE AID PROGRAM INVOLVES ONLY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS WHICH KABUL IS FREE TO USE AS IT WISHES, AND

--THOSE FUNDS HAVE FINANCED VENTURES WHICH INCREASE SOVIET PENETRATION IN AFGHANISTAN--A DEVELOPMENT WHICH IRANIAN AID WAS PARTIALLY MEANT TO OFFSET.

THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT URGENT US REPRESENTATIONS TO TEHRAN MAY:

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--CONVINCE IRAN TO SEEK TO INFLUENCE THE GOA TO MAKE MORE USE OF INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS, IN PREFERENCE TO THIRD-COUNTRY GOVERNMENT BODIES, TO DRAW UP DEVELOPMENT PLANS;

--REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIET PENETRATION; AND

--HOPEFULLY OPEN THE WAY FOR US FIRMS TO OBTAIN A SHARE OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN. (CONFIDENTIAL) KABUL 8447 (EXDIS), 12/31.)

4. MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN RELATIONS: NEW STRAINS

MOROCCAN INFORMATION MINISTER BENHIMA HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN

THAT THE ALGERIANS ARE ABOUT TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL SAHARAN GOVERNMENT. INDICATIVE OF THE RISING TENSIONS BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA ARE:

--A BBC REPORT--DENIED AT LEAST BY THE ALGERIANS-- THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR AMBASSADORS;

--RUMORS THAT ALGERIA MIGHT ALSO FORM A PROVISIONAL MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT MADE UP OF ANTI-REGIME EXILES, FED BY AN UNPRECEDENTED DECEMBER 30 CALL BY THE ALGERIAN OFFICIAL PRESS FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE MOROCCAN MONARCHY;

--PRESS PLAY THAT ALGERIA HAS DEPORTED 30,000 MOROCANS.

EMBASSY RABAT COMMENT: BENHIMA'S CONCERNS APPEAR TO BE WIDELY SHARED IN THE GOM. FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL SAHARAN GOVERNMENT WOULD EXACERBATE TENSIONS SIGNIFICANTLY. THE FORMATION OF A MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE BY THE GOA, WHILE APPARENTLY LESS LIKELY THAN THE FOREGOING, WOULD PRESUMABLY REFLECT AN ALGERIAN DECISION TO GO TO THE BRINK. (CONFIDENTIAL) ALGIERS 3803 AND RABAT 6315, 12/31.)

5. CHILE: DR. CASSIDY'S ACCUSATIONS RING TRUE

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WITH REGARD TO DR. SHEILA CASSIDY'S ACCUSATION THAT SHE WAS TORTURED DURING CONFINEMENT IN CHILE, EMBASSY SANTIAGO COMMENTS THAT HER CHARGE IS CREDIBLE IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT GOC INTERNAL SECURITY PROCEDURES. THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO IS CONVINCED THAT SHE WAS TORTURED. (CONFIDENTIAL), SANTIAGO 8742, 12/31.) INGERSOLL

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